

Clark County Sustainable Communities

Stakeholders Meeting #1

October 22, 2009 – 2 to 5 p.m.

Battle Ground Community Center

912 E. Main St., Battle Ground, WA 98604

Agenda

Project Purpose: Clark County seeks to engage key stakeholders to craft a regional strategy for fostering sustainable development across the County.

The kick-off meeting of the Sustainable Communities project will include updates on efforts in Washington and nearby in Portland that demonstrates the changing landscape for development. All attendees will be asked to share their community's experiences with sustainable development and will be invited to ask questions of the guest presenters.

Time	Topic	Lead
2 p.m.	Introductions and meeting agenda overview	Adrienne DeDona
2:05 p.m.	Welcome	Commissioner Steve Stuart
2:15 p.m.	Review project purpose and stakeholders group role	Gina Franzosa
2:20 p.m.	Panel Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Joanne Boys, City of Washougal Community Development Director: <i>Washougal's actions to promote sustainability permeate all facets of their community. Community Development has recently adopted several code changes and ordinances to foster sustainable development; Joanne will discuss their efforts. View recently adopted ordinances and Washougal's sustainability newsletter here: http://www.cityofwashougal.us/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=200&Itemid=201</i>• Debbie Cleek, City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability: <i>The City of Portland has long been a leader in green building and provided resources and incentives to build green. In 2008, the City convened a Technical Advisory Group to develop a green building code that could be adopted as a local amendment to Oregon's statewide building code to both eliminate challenges to building green in Portland as well as to enforce higher standards of performance with little cost impact. Debbie Cleek will speak about the outcomes of that effort.</i>• Gary Nordeen, Senior Building Science Specialist, WSU Energy Program: <i>The State of Washington will soon adopt revisions to the state energy code, which will increase the energy efficiency of residential and commercial buildings by over 20%. The speaker will highlight key changes to anticipate.</i>	Gina Franzosa
3:05 p.m.	Panel Discussion Q & A	All
3:10 p.m.	Other local sustainability initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Background on SARD project• Review project website	Gina Franzosa/all
3:25 p.m.	Group discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Share local initiatives focused on sustainable development• Identify the resources needed to implement sustainable development	Adrienne DeDona
4 p.m.	Networking social	

Project Purpose and Background

Why: Everyone would like to see appropriate and successful development within the County. And every community stands to prosper if we can ensure consistency in encouraging green practices across jurisdictions. Faced with the challenges of dwindling budgets, reduced staff, and changing technology it's all the more important for communities to support joint resources and learn from each other's successes and challenges.

How: Through working meetings, the project team (Cascadia + JLA + Clark County) will facilitate stakeholder involvement to craft policies, procedures, tools, and resources that will aide each community in promoting development and RE-development for the 21st century. A website will be created to house this information. The website and the stakeholder process is intended to initiate a dialog among communities in Clark County that will carry on long after the official project concludes.

Who: Key stakeholders include staff within each City in the County who are involved in administering and updating the planning and building codes and who need ready access to information to facilitate sustainable development. Stakeholders in this effort also include builders, developers, designers, and homeowners who live and work in the County, and who are welcome to attend meetings, provide feedback and aide in the progress of this project.

When: Stakeholders are asked to attend six working meetings over the next 12 months.

Stakeholder Charge: Stakeholders are asked to contribute to the development of a web-based resource inside and outside of meeting time, and take steps in their communities to support regional goals of promoting sustainable development. Generally stakeholders are expected to:

- Advise the project team on useful information and tools that will be housed on the project website.
- Represent and share their community's experiences with sustainable development, which may include projects, ordinance development, code interpretation, creating incentives, etc.
- Update their community on the information and ideas provided at each meeting.

Background – to prepare for Meeting 1: The City of Vancouver and Clark County partnered on a comprehensive review of barriers to sustainable development, as well as strategies and recommendations to overcome the barriers found. The findings from this study are compiled in a series of three reports, which we encourage stakeholders to review prior to the meetings. The executive summaries are sufficient to read in preparation for Meeting 1; however the entire reports should be reviewed before Meetings 2 & 3.

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